

about their conditions. Because of the encouragement of Mr. Garcia, he had a newfound desire to perform his job at a new level and credits Mr. Garcia for the changes in the finishing shop.

Kevin felt lucky to be able to attend the first Inauguration of President Barack Obama, an opportunity afforded him since the finishing shop worked behind the scenes on the stage preparation.

Another fond memory occurred in 2004 when an unexpected celebrity made an appearance on Capitol Hill—musical superstar Michael Jackson. He had been summoned to a hearing to call attention to the AIDS crisis. As he tells it, Kevin and some of his coworkers were standing outside near the Rayburn Building in anticipation of his arrival. They had almost given up when they saw his motorcade pull up right beside the wall near Rayburn. Michael Jackson got out of the car and walked directly toward Kevin, Tim Magruder and others, wearing his iconic glitter gloves and boots. Kevin was starstruck and barely able to speak, but Michael Jackson engaged them briefly, shook hands and then he was off. Coworkers later teased Kevin about being so moved in that moment.

Kevin has witnessed many different events in his 37-year career. With a heavy heart, he remembers being present on 9/11. He will never forget being outside and seeing the smoke from afar, which was the moment the Pentagon had been hit by a plane. But like others, he did not know the implication at the time of this terrorist attack and how it changed our lives forever. He was also present during the anthrax attack, when he and his crew were called in to clean all the furniture that was exposed to the anthrax.

Kevin was working when the earthquake hit Capitol Hill in 2011. He was in the office when the buildings, doors and floors started to sway. After the buildings were evacuated, he had to shelter on the corner for several hours until the building inspections were concluded. He was present when two Capitol Hill police officers were. And most recently, he was at work during the insurrection on January 6, 2021. So many memories, both good and bad, because of his long career with Congress.

In retirement, he plans to pursue some of his hobbies, like boxing on a punching bag, traveling abroad, catching up on movies, a particular interest, and volunteering with the homeless community. He will continue to attend the church in Baltimore where his cousin is the pastor, which he has attended since childhood. Kevin is looking forward to spending more time with his wife and daughter and including them in his retirement activities.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Kevin Harris for his dedication and outstanding contributions to the House of Representatives. We wish him many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

PASSING OF MR. JOHN HENRY
LYLES, III

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, in honoring the late John Henry Lyles, III,

we recognize and celebrate his life well-lived yet cut far too short.

“Jay,” as he was affectionately called by friends, was a Louisianan through and through. He was born and raised in the beautiful town of Minden in Louisiana’s Fourth Congressional District. He later made his way down to Baton Rouge where he graduated from LSU and earned a Master’s degree in Public Administration. Jay was passionate about his alma mater, LSU, and especially its football program.

Jay was known for always dedicating himself to those around him and accomplishing what he set his mind to. He loved his family, and all who knew him can testify to his exceptional character, drive, and kindness. He had many roles: friend, family man, entrepreneur, marketing guru, political consultant, and accomplished writer, to name a few.

Louisiana is home to some of the most talented, most charitable, and most outstanding people in the nation. Jay’s deep love for the state and his willingness to serve those around him are what he will be remembered most for. He was a good friend of mine—and of countless many others.

Jay will be missed, but he will never be forgotten.

GLEN KELLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Glen Keller for his decades of service to the Colorado Westernaires organization.

For almost forty years, Glen has served as President of the Colorado Westernaires, a local non-profit which provides training in western riding, precision drills and horse care for local youth ranging from 9 to 19 years old. A lifelong resident of Colorado, Glen moved to Jefferson County in 1964. He started a law practice and in 1983 joined the Westernaires organization. During his decades of service, he has inspired and mentored thousands of young adults as they learn the values of the organization including leadership, self-respect and personal responsibility through horsemanship, western heritage and community belonging.

Previously, Glen served on the board of the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo which the Westernaires competes in every year.

In addition to his service to the Westernaires community, Glen is a loving husband and loving father. He has been married to his wife Liz for over 55 years, the proud father of two daughters, and a devoted grandfather to five grandchildren.

I have had the opportunity to meet with Glen and participate in Westernaires events on several occasions and I have been inspired by his contribution to the organization. I wish Glen all the best and send gratitude for his service to our community and to the State of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS HARPER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Thomas Harper, a Title 10 AGR Functional Area-59 qualified Major assigned to the Army National Guard G-5 as a Strategic Planner.

Mr. Harper began his service to our country at the age of 17 as an Infantryman in the Florida Army National Guard. He served 19 years in the Army at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels as a paratrooper, combat veteran, and qualified strategist. Mr. Harper served in units including infantry regiments, airborne special forces, the National Guard Bureau, the Department of the Army, the United States Special Operations Command, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He completed five operational tours in Afghanistan, Africa, and Central America.

Before returning to the Army National Guard G-5, Thomas Harper demonstrated his commitment to building and maintaining strong relationships between the Army and the legislative branch. Mr. Harper held the MILCON portfolio in the Readiness branch of the Programs Division at the Department of the Army’s Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison from 2018 to 2020. In his work, Mr. Harper worked closely with Members of Congress and interagency partners. He assisted Army Senior Leaders with preparation for Congressional hearings and traveled with Members and their staff, as well as Armed Services Committee professional staff members. Mr. Harper was also selected twice as the detail to the Department of Defense COVID-19 task force.

Mr. Harper’s achievements in his service to the United States have been recognized with countless awards. He is a two-time recipient of the Purple Heart Medal and the Bronze Star Medal for Valor. He received the French Cross of Military Valor at Division level (equivalent to the U.S. Silver Star) from the Ambassador of France for his combat actions in Afghanistan during December 2009. Mr. Harper is one of only seven Americans to receive this award since World War II. He has also been honored with the National Guard Association of the United States Patrick Henry Award, the National Guard Bureau’s Outstanding Performance Award, the Georgia Military College Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and the Georgia Military College George C. Marshall Award.

Madam Speaker, Thomas Harper is an outstanding Army officer and model citizen who has served with honor for nearly two decades. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

IN MEMORY OF ANN HANEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the memory of my friend, Ann Haney, a longtime community leader in Pulaski County, Kentucky

and co-owner of Haney's Appledale Farm in Nancy, Kentucky.

Just a few weeks ago, we were celebrating the annual Kentucky Farm Bureau picnic on their popular family farm, and as always, Ann was busy entertaining guests and packing up homemade apple and peach pies for folks to take home. She was always a gracious host with shining southern hospitality and the stellar organizational skills to keep everything moving seamlessly behind the scenes. Ann helped carry on the legacy of Haney's Appledale Farm for many years, alongside her husband Don. Together, they celebrated 50 years of marriage with three children and three grandchildren.

Aside from her time on the family farm, Ann could often be found at the Pulaski County Public Library, placing books into the hands of our local children, and inspiring them with her love of reading. She retired in 2015 after dedicating 29 years as a community relations specialist at the library, where she also avidly raised funding to provide free books to local children through her role as past president of the Pulaski County Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Ann was a passionate advocate for education, preserving our history and giving back to the community. As a board member of the Mill Springs National Battlefield Association, she helped preserve the historic Civil War land in Pulaski and Wayne counties that is now designated as a National Monument in the National Parks System. Thanks to her tireless efforts, countless people from around the country will learn about this key battle in southern Kentucky that impacted the foundation of our country.

Finally, Ann was also known for her love of family and the University of Kentucky Wildcats. She was past president of the UK National Alumni Association and served a six-year term on the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees. As we say in the Big Blue Nation, her blood ran true blue.

The sudden and unexpected loss of Ann Haney has been a shock to our entire community, and my wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to Don and the entire Haney family. We were blessed to know Ann and we are forever grateful for the difference she made in so many lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Mr. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on roll call No. 297, I mistakenly voted NAY when I intended to vote YEA.

HONORING THE "WOMEN WHO SOAR" IN THE DENVER METRO COMMUNITY

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of

Maria Bales, Heidi Ganahl, and Dr. Shauna Gulley who will be honored by the Northwest Douglas County Chamber & Economic Development Corporation as "Women Who Soar."

Each year, the Northwest Douglas County Chamber & Economic Development Corporation recognizes three women in the Denver Metro Community who inspire our community and are blazing the path for future generations.

Maria Bales has been recognized as a "Woman Who Soars" because of her strength in turning heartbreak into inspiration. In 2016, while a sophomore at Arapahoe High School, her son Nick Bales started Brought to Reality (BTR) to bring awareness to teen mental health and end the stigma surrounding mental illness. Tragically, on September 29, 2018, Nick took his own life. After her son's passing, Maria made it her mission to continue Nick's work and fight each day to spare other parents, siblings, and friends from feeling how her family did. As a survivor of incredible adversity in the face of the unthinkable, she used that same adversity to inspire and help others. That strength makes her truly deserving of such an honor.

Heidi Ganahl has been recognized as a "Woman Who Soars" because of her entrepreneurial success. She is the founder of the recently launched women's lifestyle brand SheFactor but is best known as the founder of Camp Bow Wow, where she turned a lifelong passion for dogs into the largest pet care franchise in the world. She's passionate about giving back and in 2013 founded the Fight Back Foundation, a charity to positively tackle the most pressing issues facing our kids today.

Dr. Shauna Gulley has been recognized as a "Woman Who Soars" because of her exemplary leadership and exceptional background, knowledge, expertise, and record of success in bettering our community. Dr. Gulley provides strategic direction to Centura Health in its mission to build whole person care and flourishing communities. Her work focuses on optimizing clinical quality and patient safety, building world-class clinical service lines, and promoting an agile, team-based culture at the forefront of all they do.

From overcoming incredible adversity to showcasing exemplary leadership in medicine and business, this year's recipients have made a lasting impact on those around them and in our community. It is leaders like these three women who will allow us to achieve a more prosperous and inclusive future and I congratulate them all on being recognized as "Women Who Soar."

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY ANN MORAN-SAVAKINUS FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Ann Moran-Savakinus for her 30 years of service to the Lackawanna County Historical Society. Mary Ann will be recognized on September 30, 2021.

Mary Ann, daughter of the late Francis Moran and Joann Schemel Moran, is an

Archbald, Pennsylvania native. She pursued her interest in history at Kutztown University, and as an undergraduate, she worked as a curatorial intern at the Anthracite Heritage Museum. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in anthropology, she was recruited by the Museum to catalogue their Hennemuth photo collection. Mary Ann also spent time in Iowa as an archaeological technician for American Resource Group as a member of the field crew.

In 1991, she returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania where she began working at the Lackawanna County Historical Society as the administrative assistant. Six years later, she was appointed the Executive Director of the Society. Under her thoughtful direction, the Society expanded its programming, education opportunities, and community partnerships.

One of the hallmarks of Mary Ann's tenure as Executive Director is her effort to connect the Society with the surrounding community and promote interest in local history. She has invited local artists to participate in Society events to create compelling programming such as the musical/historical production "Under the Lackawanna Moon". She also helped start the Museum as a Classroom program which allows local teachers to receive Act 48 credits for familiarizing themselves with local resources that are available to their students.

Mary Ann's most popular programs are tours of the City of Scranton, which bring hundreds of visitors into the heart of the city to learn about its history. The Historic Hill House Tour, the Places of Worship Tour, and the Scranton After Dark paranormal walking tour teach visitors about the diverse architecture of Scranton and the residents who called the city home.

Mary Ann's direction has also supported the financial growth of the Society, increasing fundraising efforts with the annual Taste of History event and the successful Capital Campaign to fund the restoration of the exterior of the Society headquarters at the Catlin House.

I am honored to join the Lackawanna Historical Society in recognizing Mary Ann's 30 years of dedicated and selfless service. Her vision, commitment, and passion have helped foster a love of and appreciation for local history in our communities, and she has created a legacy of innovative programming that will be enjoyed by generations to come. I thank her for her service to our community and wish her all the best.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish the people of Taiwan and Americans celebrating the upcoming Taiwan National Day on October 10th a Happy Double Ten Day.

In the decades preceding and following the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, the United States and Taiwan built a strong relationship that cannot be broken—a bond born out of our shared values and cooperation with one another in times of crisis, and in times of advancement.

Taiwan has transformed itself into a model of democracy with a respect for human rights,